
Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Committee (Board)
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020

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Committee Members Present

Jessa Barnard
Lisa Draper
Devon Green
Mike Fisher
Dale Hackett
Sharon Henault
Rebecca Heintz
Julie Tessler
Gladys Konstantin
Helen Labun
Erin Maguire
Kirstin Murphy

DVHA Staff Present

Cory Gustafson
Addie Strumolo
Nissa James
Zack Goss
Alicia Cooper

Other Interested Parties

Kelly Barnier
Sarah Shields
Sarah Peterson
Sue Aranoff
Alexandria Sosnowski
Lucie Garand
Jamie Rainville
Jennifer Kaulius

*This meeting was held by conference call only.

Documents

- Advisory Committee 4_27 Agenda.pdf
- Advisory Committee PPT 4_27_2020.pdf
- State of Emergency_Vermont Medicaid Actions 4.27.20 DVHA FINAL 002.pdf

*All are posted to the [Vermont Health Connect website](#)

Convene

Devon Green and Erin Maguire chaired the meeting

Roll Call, Quorum, Agenda Preview, May meeting reminder

Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager

- Upcoming meeting Agendas to be determined due to public health emergency
- Reminder to Members that May's meeting has been moved to May 11, because the original meeting date fell on Memorial Day.

DVHA COVID-19 Update

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner (DVHA)

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement, and Rate Setting (DVHA)

Overview of DVHA COVID-19 response efforts. For a detailed overview please visit the [DVHA COVID-19 webpage](#).

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Commissioner's Update

DVHA's priority to sustain health care access for Vermonters

Implemented Phase I of the COVID-19-specific Medicaid Retainer program on March 27, 2020 to provide immediate cash flow assistance to providers experiencing near-term financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 as a result of the State's commitment to support the financial stability of the health care system using State funds.

For Phase II, the State developed the [COVID-19-specific Sustained Monthly Retainer](#) which is an optional, temporary payment model for Vermont Medicaid providers that combines fee-for-service reimbursement with prospective monthly payments in order to assure access to care for Vermont Medicaid members by providing funding that may be used flexibly to respond to COVID-19-related expenses and deliver services through alternative modes.

Please see *State of Emergency_Vermont Medicaid Actions 4.27.20 DVHA FINAL 002.pdf* for more information

Approval of Minutes

February meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Next Meetings

May 11, 2020

June 22, 2020

Time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Site: Meetings will be convened through Skype due to the State of Emergency produced by COVID-19 until further notice.

Please visit the Advisory Committee website for up-to-date information:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/advisory_board/meeting_materials

Additional Full Links for Ease of Access:

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19>

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/News/COVID-19%20Sustained%20Monthly%20Retainer%20Payments%20Cover%20Letter%20and%20Process%20DVHA%20FINAL.pdf>

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<https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/News/DVHA%20Memo%20Provider%20Guidance%20in%20Response%20to%20COVID-19%20FINAL%20Updated%2004.23.20.pdf>

https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Budget_Legislative_Rules/Medicaid%20Program%20E%26%20Q2%20SFY20_March%201%202020%20Report_DVHA_FINAL.pdf

https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Budget_Legislative_Rules/Health_Coverage_Map%20As%20of%20January%202020%20DVHA%20FINAL.pdf